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REPORT ON THE LAUCHHAMMER FERROALLOYS PLANT (1 p; German; undated)

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This one-page photostated document furnishes information on the rebuilding of the former Ferro Works, Mueckenberg, Lauchhammer/West, now called Ferroalloys Plant. The Ferroalloys Plant is located at Lauchhammer/West, Fuerstenwalderstrasse, on the Falkenberg - Ruhland railroad line.

In 1945 the USSR dismantled the plant almost completely; its rebuilding is being undertaken within the framework of the Five-Year Plan. A total of about 250 workers of the following firms are engaged in the rebuilding project: Senftenberg Bau-Union -- Excavating and grading work; Dresden Bau-Union -- construction of the foundations for six blast furnaces, one of which was completed during November 1951; the Goerlitz firm Stahlbau Hannemann -- steel and iron structures for the blast furnaces, in cooperation with the firm Stahlbau/Lauter; the Leipzig VEB Kloeene -- scrapping of old metals and their utilization for the new building program; girders, etc. of the old halls and debris are to be utilized; the Berlin VEB for Salvage -- salvage of scrap metal and its dispatch for smelting purposes. The reconstruction is being carried out in two shifts: the first from 0600 to 1400, the second from 1400 to 2200.

Production (almost exclusively of silicon steel) is to start in Spring 1952; technical data are not yet available. The first blast-furnace is to be put into operation in Spring 1952 and the other five as soon as they are ready; the blast furnaces are six meters high; one chimney will serve two blast-furnaces.

To start with, 1,000 workers, as far as possible all former employees of the Ferro Works, are to be employed.

The following persons belong to the new plant management at the present time:

Plant Manager Peter, a building engineer
Technical Director Ullmer, an engineer
Procurement and Purchasing Director Groebe.

Some Soviet officers come to inspect the plants every now and then but they leave again the same day they arrive.

Service over the railspur to the Mueckenberg Railroad Station, disconnected since 1945, has been resumed.

At the present time power is supplied through a 100-kilowatt transformer station which belongs to the large-scale coking plant located adjacent to the Ferroalloy Plant. Overhead power lines connect this station with Dresden; other power lines are under construction.

Plant guards are already on duty; among others, there are 11 people's policemen under the command of the district chief (Rev. Leiter), Wm. Madschulla, and a civilian by the name of Greif. At this time, the guards keep watch over the nonferrous-metal and scrap-metal collection places within the plant area.

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